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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON COLUMN ON SOMOZA ECONOMIC HOLDINGS

1. COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT HE PLANS TO DO ONE OR MORE COLUMNS IN NEAR FUTURE ON SOMOZA FAMILY'S ECONOMIC HOLDINGS IN NICARAGUA. STORY WILL PLAY UP GENERAL ASSERTION THAT SOMOZA "OWNS NICARAGUA". ANDERSON APPARENTLY WILL BASE STORY ON STUDIES DONE BY EMBASSY SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND OBTAINED BY HIM FROM UNKNOWN SOURCE. HE HAS AGREED TO RESTRICT EXPLICIT REFERENCES TO TERM "GOVERNMENT STUDIES", BUT PUBLICATION CAN OBVIOUSLY BE EXPECTED TO GENERATE SUSPICION ON SOMOZA'S PART OVER USG INVESTIGATING HIS PERSONAL FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. SISCO

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